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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Alford W. Kindred

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-14 and 26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-14 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communication: RCE filed on 03/18/05.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-10, 12-14 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nusbicked et al., US# 6,119,113, in view of Moskowitz, US# 2002/0010684 A1.

As per claims 1, 7, and 10, Nusbicked et al. teaches "recording a unique identifier to each of a plurality of storage media issued" (see abstract) "a database for storing and managing the identifiers" (see col. 2, lines 64-67 and col. 3, lines 1-15) "reading the recorded identifier from any of said storage media" (see col. 8, lines 55-67) "said reading means against said identifiers managed in said database" (see col. 8, lines 45-67) "the storage medium identified by the checked identifier depending on a result of the check by said checking means" (see col. 4, lines 66-67 and col. 5, lines 1-22).

Nusbicked et al. does not explicitly teach "said terminal device corresponding to the storage medium . . .". Moskowitz teaches "said terminal device corresponding to the storage medium . . . right information . . ." (see paragraph [0023], [0079], [0129], and [0229]). It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one of ordinary skill

in the art to have combined the teachings of Nusbicked with Moskowitz above, because using the steps of "said terminal device corresponding to the storage medium . . . right information", would have given those skilled in the art the tools to process stored information based on the particular identifier more efficiently. This give users the advantage of being able to render personal information in a safe , fast and secure fashion electronically.

As per claim 2, Nusbicked teaches "said identifiers, right information which denotes services available to said storage media identified by said identifiers" (see col. 6, lines 21-46).

As per claims 3-4, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 1-2, and are similarly rejected.

As per claim 5, Nusbicked teaches "content data storing means for storing a plurality of content data items" (see col. 2, lines, 64-67 and col. 3, lines 1-14) "allows relevant content data to be downloaded from said content data" (see 3, lines 49-67, whereas Nusbicked's Web server and HTTP compatible product, clearly illustrate the ability to upload and download data in a fashion similar to applicant's claim language.

As per claim 6, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 5 and is similarly rejected.

As per claims 7-8, these claims are rejected on the grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 1 and are similarly rejected.

As per claim 9, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 1 and is similarly rejected including the following:

--Nusbicked teaches "Judging means for judging whether or not the corresponding right information indicates permission to download . . ." (see col. 4, lines 3-45, whereas the Nusbicked's web browser include the capacity to indicate whether information indicates permission to transfer in a manner claimed by the applicant).

As per claim 12, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 1 and is similarly rejected including the following:

--Nusbicked teaches "a management server . . . storing means . . ." (see col. 3, lines 49-65).

As per claims 13-14, Nusbicked teaches "update information creating means . . . updating authentication information stored . . ." (see col. 2, lines 2-17).

As per claims 26, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 1 and is similarly rejected.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10, 12-14 and 26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alford W. Kindred whose telephone number is 571-272-4037. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on (571) 272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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